

# SPORTSMEN HEAR CALL OF WOODS AT THE PALACE

## Original Show of Great Outdoors Gets Under Way Successfully.

### ODOR OF PINE AND CEDAR EVERYWHERE

#### Trapshooters, Schoolboy Marks- men and Fishermen Find Many Forms of Contest.

A man standing at the corner of Forty-sixth Street and Lexington Avenue yesterday afternoon was seen to tilt his nose toward the sky and sniff the air dreamily. Then he stretched his arms above his head and yawned. "It'll be figured if it don't smell like the old Maine woods. I must be dreaming," he said, and joined the whirling throng hurrying to business engagements.

Came another man, leading a pointer dog on a leash, headed toward Madison Square Garden, where the show of the Westminster Kennel Club opens tomorrow morning. The dog suddenly stopped and pointed intently, as though at a covey of quail, and looked up Lexington Avenue mournfully as his master pulled him along.

The dog and the man did not know what impelled them to do the things they did, but had they gone a few steps of their way and entered the Grand Central Palace the secret would have been disclosed.

With Colonel Allen S. Williams holding the watch and Captain J. A. H. Dressel giving the word to start, the original National Sportsmen's Show swung into motion at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, to continue every day this week up to and including Saturday.

The regular New Yorker waits patiently for this show, welcoming it as his only opportunity all winter of getting in touch with the out of doors that he can only see in actuality for a few weeks in the summer. When the doors closed at 11 o'clock last night the number of persons who had passed through the gates at the Grand Central Palace equaled the record for the best attendance on the first day of the show, which Captain Dressel, the manager, has been conducting since 1895.

The entire first floor of the big Palace is given over to the exhibits, and everywhere are fragrant fir, cedar, spruce and pine trees, and there are children of the forest that seem to breathe the odor of the woods. The man and the dog before mentioned inhaled it.

Captain Dressel was busy most of the day welcoming old friends who have been faithful in the attendance at the show since its inception. One of those who shook his hand heartily was Phil Daly, famous wing shot and all-around sportsman.

There was a tremendous snorting and banging in the Palace, back of the Grand Central Palace about 4:30 o'clock, when a big motor car swung in loaded to the rails with Long Island hunters, hot air and hilarity. The auto and its load were driven by a man with a blue coat and a blue cap, who has charge of the Long Island exhibit in the Sportsmen's Show.

The machine was covered with banners, which bore the strange device "Red Hot," and the word "Hunt." The driver, a man in a blue coat and a blue cap, who has charge of the Long Island exhibit in the Sportsmen's Show.

Those in the automobile were Henry B. Hallock, known as "Red Hot," the leader and breadth of Long Island; G. C. Bishop and Alfred Hallock. There was also a live red fox called "Cute" and thirteen fox skins, one racoon pelt, several muskrat skins and a stuffed mink, all "made in Long Island."

Spraying the skin of a small black bear, somebody asked "Red Hot" its history, and he started in to tell how the bear had been shot "off his head" by a hunter, and how the hunter had been just then he was seized with a coughing fit and could not finish his story.

One of the popular exhibits was "Buffalo" Jones' moving pictures of the animal life of Africa. The "Buffalo" and Ambrose Means, the daredevil cowboy, gave a lecture on how easy it is to rope the wildest and most vicious of Africa's wild animals, and even the skinner in the audience were forced to believe all they heard, because the pictures on the screen backed up every word the big game hunter said.

Reports coming from the mezzanine floor were coming from result from rifles in the hands of several hundred schoolboys, who are holding their annual shooting tournament. High up on the roof, the sun shone down on them, trap shooters, both amateur and professional, men and women, were smashing clay pigeons with marvellous ease.

On the mezzanine floor a group of interested spectators gazed closely about a raised platform on which several men were trying to break the world's record for making a fire with matches on the roof of the Grand Central Palace. The record is held by Arthur R. Forbush, scout recruit of the New York State Militia, who has made a record of ten matches in twenty seconds by rubbing two pieces of wood together. The best time made yesterday was by a man named "Red Hot," who made a record of ten matches in twenty seconds by rubbing two pieces of wood together.

Frank Walton's memory was kept green by fly casters on the roof, who, in an artificial stream, whirled their light rods about their heads and sent the line spinning over the water. K. A. Earl was the best, with sixty-six feet four inches.

Guides from Maine, New Brunswick, Canada, the North Woods and other parts of the wild are even thickly through the Palace, ready to swap their finest yarns with any one who will listen.

It's a great show, and it's all under one tent, gentlemen.

# Player Who Has Renounced Bat to Take Up the Hoe



J. FRANKLIN BAKER.

## Baseball Stars Face Hard Year on Diamond

### Ty Cobb Only Player Likely to Hold His Crown This Season.

### JAMES MAY LEAD YOUNGER PITCHERS

Yet finished third in the way of permitting earned runs. He isn't likely to drop this season as badly as he did last year, and so must again be entered as favorite.

But with no great margin. Leonard last year allowed a smaller percentage of earned runs than Johnson ever allowed. His average was 1.01 to the game, whereas Johnson's best mark before was 1.07. So the Washington star must travel at his best and beat out such entries as Leonard, Foster or Ray Caldwell, if this worthy settles down to the main business at hand.

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In the National.

Jake Daubert has now led the National League for two years at bat, which proves that his first conquest was no fluke. He also must stand as the premier batsman of his era until he is dethroned. But Jake has nothing like the grip on his laurel wreath that Cobb enjoys. There were at least four batsmen within a hit or two of Jake last year, and while the class isn't quite as pronounced, Jake will have an even harder time to lead again than Cobb will have.

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# FEDERAL SEASON WILL START EARLY

## Gilmore Expects to Beat Older League Teams to the Post.

### WELL PREPARED TO FACE COMPETITION

#### Thinks Pittsburgh and Brooklyn Will Be Strong Drawing Cards This Year.

Timing the schedule meeting with a view to making his instructions to team managers effective, James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, will go to Buffalo on Friday and Saturday. Club owners, leaders and umpires will have the Federal League doctrine of discipline instilled in them.

In the Eastern office of the Federal League recently Mr. Gilmore verified a report that the Feds would get under way on their championship season a few days earlier than the older leagues. Because of circuit changes and the enforced delays in preparing the Federal League schedule, it will be possible for the independents to announce playing dates that will call for few conflicting games.

"As a plain business proposition, we are avoiding the clash of cities where other big leagues have representation," explained Mr. Gilmore. "A change of Pittsburgh from Eastern to a Western city in our circuit aids greatly in the preparation of a schedule that will be a marvel of smoothness. I saw a rough chart of a schedule prepared by R. Ward at the National League office, and it was a real eye opener. It provided for a marked saving in mileage over that of last year."

"In Pittsburgh and Brooklyn, where conflicts were plentiful last year, I have great faith in the drawing power of our clubs. With a new infield, strengthened outfield and bracing in the battery positions, the Pittsburgh Federals will have a playing front that should draw more fans than the rival seekers for favor in that city."

"Conflicts or no conflicts, the improvements in playing strength and transportation facilities in Brooklyn will give the Brookfields a fair chance against the other club representing that borough. The aggressive leadership of Lee Magee, heretofore a missing quality in a Brooklyn Federal manager, will make the fans of that city flock to Washington Park."

No matter where the Kansas City franchise is located by Pat Powers, the league will be improved, especially in the matter of making both Eastern and Western wings of the circuit compact. More than seven thousand persons have bought opening day seats in Baltimore without knowing the date for that game.

"Buffalo is stirred by the prospect of beginning the season under ideal conditions regarding team leadership and playing strength. All the club officials here are helping in the arrangements for the city's first major league baseball meeting in fourteen years."

"There never was a chance to displace Indianapolis in the circuit, and now, with the new team, the league will be stronger than ever, a condition made necessary by the bolstering up of Chicago and other strong clubs last year. Fielder Jones in St. Louis will get the best of the league, and the Washington star must travel at his best and beat out such entries as Leonard, Foster or Ray Caldwell, if this worthy settles down to the main business at hand."

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### St. Paul Club on Carpet.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Discussion of the affairs of the St. Paul Club will be a feature of the scheduled meeting of the American Association here to-morrow. President Chivington predicted that no action would be taken regarding a change in the ownership of the team and said the league was not contemplating a re-entry into Toledo.

### International Title Arranged for Hockey

#### Cornelius Fellowes Offers Cup for Annual Clash Between Best Canadian and American Teams.

International hockey on a broader scale than ever before is promised New York followers of the sport. Cornelius Fellowes, of the St. Nicholas rink, while in Canada last week arranging for the annual series of professional games here next month conferred with the hockey officials in Montreal, with the result that he has put up a cup for international competition.

This will result in the winners of the Art Ross trophy coming here to play the pick of the American teams. The winner of the match will not only take the Fellowes trophy, but the Ross trophy as well. If the Americans win they will hold the Canadian emblem until the opening of the cup series in the Dominion and then return it for competition there.

"American hockey is now almost equal to the Canadian brand," said Mr. Fellowes yesterday. "As a matter of fact, I think the St. Nick's have the best chance to win the international championship, and if they do and can defeat the winners of the Ross trophy they will have a good claim to international honors. The St. Nick's will play the Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday evening, meeting the Hockey Club, which beat the Boston A. A. Hockey Club team is now confident of climbing nearly to the top of the ladder in the league race. The team has been greatly strengthened since the early part of the season and many hockey followers would not be surprised to see it score over the Montreal Nicks. Hockey Club stock has received a big boost since the victory over the Boston A. A."

"The other league game of the week will bring together the Montreal Canadiens and the Irish-Americans at the local rink on Saturday night. If the St. Nick's lose to the Hockey Club and the Irish-American win the Winged Wheel trophy, the latter will retain the lead in the league race."

### Catcher of Naps Released.

Cleveland, Feb. 20.—Bert Carisch, for two years catcher on the Cleveland American League baseball team, received his unconditional release to-day.

# More Baseball Confessions by Johnny Evers, of the Braves

## Star Infielder Describes Tricks Used to Win Diamond Battles.

### BRAINY PLAYERS CLUB'S BEST ASSET

#### Squeeze Play Defined; Also Bluff Employed by Tinker and Johnny.

This is the fifth of a series of articles by Johnny Evers, captain of the Boston Braves, who was voted the most valuable player of the National League last year. Evers is generally regarded as one of the brainiest men in the game. It is his aim in this series to give some inside facts which he has learned from the game. In the following article Evers describes the tricks used by shrewd ballplayers and managers to win games.

By JOHNNY EVERS,  
Captain of the Boston Braves.

The press of the country has always given me credit for being a close student of baseball, but in beginning this story I might say that this I acquired through a natural liking for the game. As far back as I can remember, when I was first able to pick out words and learn their meaning, I read everything I could find relating to baseball. The meetings of the National League as reported in the papers were always of interest to me, and before long I had a good knowledge of all the prominent players who were interested in the game in those days.

At the time when most boys are interested in story books or fairy tales, I was more interested in words pertaining to baseball, and when I owned my first baseball guide I was happier than most youngsters who possessed a whole library of story books. There was not a page in that first guide that I did not read over and over again, and I remember those pages that contained the rules of the game. These latter I went over so often that, when I began playing baseball with other boys of my age, I was able to argue some points over and over again, and after playing some amateur games and getting practical demonstrations of the rules, my knowledge of them became more intimate.

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Various illustrations were put up to the infielders. With runners on this or that base, each member of the infield was asked to tell what would be the best play in case the ball were hit to him by the new almost exactly what to do under any condition when the ball came his way, and I believe that the success of our team during the two years was largely due to these meetings. I firmly believe that the two men in it and how necessary it is for both of them to play their parts successfully. If either fails the play is lost. For instance, if the play is prearranged by signal the runner on first base is to advance, and then it is up to the batter to bunt the ball in order to have the man score. If the batter fails to connect with the ball the catcher usually has it waiting to catch the runner. Sometimes the runner will attempt the play without a signal to the batter, and then it is up to the batter to use his head and quick wits and come to the rescue of the runner.

It must be remembered that in all cases where trick plays are attempted it is a case of matching wits with your opponents. If the latter, who are supposed to use their heads on the bases as well as in the field, get wise to the progress planned, the trick plays often fail.

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CHRISTOPHER MATHEWSON.

Whose snap throw to first has caught many a runner, according to Johnny Evers.

One of the clever plays of the Pittsburgh team in the days when Tommy Leach was on third and Claude Ritchie was covering second base for the Pirates was a bluff to catch a man at the base. The idea was to get a runner on second and second base, and sometimes was worked when there were none, one or two out.

A pitcher would throw a pitch out to third. Without making any effort to touch the man on that base, Leach would make a quick relay to second, and many times the runner was touched off the base. The idea was to get a runner on second and second base, and sometimes was worked when there were none, one or two out.

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## Appear to Fear Effect of Establishment of Big Academy.

### OPPOSITION WILL NOT ALTER PLANS

#### N. B. A. Competitions Certain To Be Held, and Conditions Will Be of Best.

At a recent meeting of the Eastern Alley Owners' Association at Cadiz's resolution was passed:

"It is the opinion of the Eastern Alley Owners' Association that financial conditions do not warrant the holding of the National Bowling Association tournament in New York this year."

Subsequent to that meeting William Cordes, president of the association, was quoted in "The Bowlers' Journal" as follows:

"We, the alley owners, do not believe that an N. B. A. tournament held in New York this season would be a success, and for that reason we do not want to encourage its coming here. The next time New York holds a tournament it must be a success, but that time is not ripe just yet."

Several of the alley owners in this city have gone on record as being unwilling to "financially support the tournament of the National Bowling Association. After all their arguments have been carefully studied, it appears to be believed that a permanent establishment of a big bowling plant in the Grand Central Palace would be inimical to the interests of the average man who owns an academy."

It may be said that an unqualified authority that whether or not the tournament is held on those alleys, the alley will be built and the academy established. One bowler in touch with the situation spoke yesterday as follows:

"Judging from the situation as it stands, it is the alley owners who are the party of the dog in the game. They cannot eat and do not want any one else to eat. It is settled that the new alleys will be built, and the manager will be at least twelve, if not twenty-four. What difference, then, whether the National Bowling Association holds its tournament in New York or elsewhere? The alleys will be new, the best manufactured and everything will be of the best."

"I appreciate the fact that there are political forces working against the present governing bodies in tennis. William V. Thompson's attempt to organize a district branch would be called by the Atlantic Coast Bowling Association in Philadelphia last fall gave away the whole thing."

"Since then the duck and candle pin bowlers have organized their own branch of the Atlantic Coast Bowling Association, and in that particular capacity it is proving to be a very useful organization. We have the N. B. A. for tennis, and it may not be a far cry to the time when the two will be working in harmony, if they do not actually ally."

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